

Improving Rural Outreach Capacity in Tanzania: A Pilot Curriculum Reform Initiative to Increase Relevance of Trainer Training

Purpose

This project, funded by the Office of Outreach and Engagement's 2016 Impact Grant and implemented by the Office of International Programs in Agriculture, seeks to revise the programs of study in Tanzania's Ministry of Agriculture Technical Institutes (MATIs) so that they better reflect the changing needs of Tanzanian agriculture and improve the performance and employability of their graduates. This will lead to wider improvements in the training of future Tanzanian extension professionals working on the front lines of agricultural development and food security.

Impact

Revision of student internship programs to assure that they address key constraints faced by Tanzanian farmers and agribusinesses.

Development of stakeholder advisory committees to discuss priorities for training, needed changes in courses being offered, and opportunities for new directions for certificate and diploma degree programs at MATIs.

Strengthening of linkages between DAECD and the MATI's, contributing to more effective and sustainable training of agricultural extension personnel to address critical challenges to food security.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Office of Outreach and Engagement
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences:

- Office of International Programs in Agriculture
- Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE)
- Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL)

Ohio State Extension

Community Partners Involved

Tanzania:

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)

- Department of Agricultural Extension and Community Development (DAECD)

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries (MALF)

- Ministry of Agriculture Technical Institute - Ilonga

Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI)



How you can get involved:

- Become educated on the importance of capacity building to human and institutional development.
- Learn about the U.S.' Feed the Future program aimed at improving food security and alleviating poverty by visiting www.feedthefuture.gov.
- Contact project directors on campus to discuss opportunities to provide consultation and technical assistance.

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